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SUBJECT: ARREST OF PALESTINIAN TERRORIST ABOU DAOUD
IN PARIS

1. ADDRESSEES HAVE UNDOUBTEDLY SEEN EXTENSIVE WIRE SERVICE COPY OVER WEEKEND REPORTING ON ARREST IN PARIS JANUARY 9 OF PALESTINIAN BLACK SEPTEMBER LEADER ABOU DAOUD ON CHARGE OF PARTICIPATING IN TERRORIST ACTIVITY, SPECIFICALLY MUNICH OLYMPIC MASSACRE IN 1972.
 2. ISRAELI EMBASSY INFORMED US AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 10 THAT GOI HAS ACTIVATED FRANCO-ISRAELI EXTRADITION TREATY
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TO REQUEST THAT ABOU DAOUD BE ARRESTED PENDING SUBMISSION OF EXTRADITION REQUEST. THIS WAS MERE FORMALITY BECAUSE ABOU DAOUD WAS ALREADY INCARCERATED, REPORTEDLY AT REQUEST OF MUNICH COURT AUTHORITIES. ISRAELI EMBASSY EXPECTS TO SUBMIT FORMAL EXTRADITION REQUEST BY COB JANUARY 10.

3. FOREIGN MINISTRY CONTACTS CONTINUE TO INSIST THAT THEY WERE NOT AWARE OF ABOU DAOUD'S PRESENCE WHEN PLO DELEGATION CALLED ON MIDDLE EAST DIRECTOR CERLES LAST WEEK TO REQUEST POLICE PROTECTION FOR PLO REPRESENTATIVES IN FRANCE FOLLOWING MURDER OF PLO REPRESENTATIVE MAHMOUD SALEH. ABOU DAOUD WAS TRAVELLING UNDER IRAQI NAME OF YOUSSEF RAJI AND WAS ACCEPTED AS SUCH BY QUAI D'ORSAY, ACCORDING TO WORKING LEVEL CONTACTS.

4. FRENCH PRESS IS GIVING EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO THE STORY, EMPHASIZING GOF DILEMMA BETWEEN RECENT PLEDGES TO EXTRADITE TERRORISTS IN EC-9 CONTEXT, AND GOF DE FACTO SUPPORT FOR PLO AS REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. ON BASIS OF US EXPERIENCE WITH TWO HIJACKING CASES, WE FIND IT HARD TO SEE HOW FRENCH COURTS WILL GRANT EXTRADITION IN SUCH OBVIOUSLY POLITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES. ACCORDING TO LE MONDE MONDAY AFTERNOON, FRENCH SECURITY POLICE (DST) ARRESTED ABOU DAOUD WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING CLEARANCE FROM MINISTER OF INTERIOR, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, PRIME MINISTER OR PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING. THIS IS DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE IN CASE OF SUCH POLITICAL SENSITIVITY, BUT THIS TYPE OF SLIP-UP HAS HAPPENED IN FRANCE BEFORE.

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